

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**ALEXIS HERNANDEZ, Individually and §  
for Other Similarly Situated §**

**Plaintiffs, §**

**v. §**

**CARNICERIA PRIME MEAT §  
MARKET, LLC; CPMM PORTER, LLC; §  
REYNALDO PONCE; and BRANCO §  
RAMIREZ, §**

**Defendants.**

**Case No.: 4:25-cv-02298**

**INITIAL DOCKET CONTROL ORDER**

The initial disposition of this case will be controlled by the following schedule:

1. December 31, 2025	<b>INITIAL DISCOVERY DEADLINE</b> The parties will conduct discovery into whether there exists a group of “similarly situated” individuals pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
	<b>SCOPE OF INITIAL DISCOVERY</b> Initial discovery shall be limited in scope to the question of whether there exists a group of “similarly situated” individuals pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
2. February 6, 2026	<b>MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION AND FOR NOTICE</b> Plaintiff will file any motion for certification of a collective and for distribution of court-authorized notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
3. March 3, 2026	<b>RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION AND FOR NOTICE</b> Defendants will file response(s) to any motion for certification of a collective and for distribution of court-authorized notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

4. March 24, 2026	<b>REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION AND FOR NOTICE</b> Plaintiff will file any reply in support of any motion for certification of a collective and for distribution of court-authorized notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b)
5.	<b>OTHER DEADLINES</b> Within twenty-one (21) days of the Court's entering an order granting or denying, in whole or in part, Plaintiff's motion for certification of a collective and for distribution of court-authorized notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), the parties shall submit to the Court a proposed first amended docket control order to control the disposition of the case going forward. If Plaintiff does not file a motion for certification and for notice on or before February 6, 2026, the parties shall submit a proposed first amended docket control order on or before February 27, 2026.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**DENA HANOVIC PALERMO**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**